

## ***CAREER INTERN – ANNOUNCEMENT***

The United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Minnesota has periodic openings for positions as **Soil Conservationist**.

NRCS is a federal agency that works with local soil and water conservation districts to encourage and assist people in conserving the Nation's resources. Our programs are aimed at reducing erosion, improving and maintaining water quality, protecting wildlife, and promoting sustainable land use.

We are looking for quality individuals with good communication skills who are graduating, or have graduated, from baccalaureate or graduate programs in such majors as Crop and Weed Science, Soil Science, Natural Resources and Biology. Other majors in the area of agriculture may be considered if they can meet certain academic requirements. The academic requirements for Soil Conservationist (GS-457) positions can be found at <http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/SEC-IV/B/GS0400/0457.htm>

All selected candidates will be assigned to a trainee position at a USDA Service Center in Minnesota. Candidates must be willing to work at any location in the State, and will normally be relocated (at government expense) to another training site in Minnesota approximately 12 to 18 months after entering on duty. Candidates are required to sign a mobility agreement. All positions will primarily receive training to provide multi-disciplinary assistance to agency clients, although there will be some opportunity to work in a specialty area.

Selected candidates will be given a two-year, full-time position under the USDA Career Intern Program with full benefits. At the end of the two-year period, successful employees may be placed in career or career-conditional positions with the agency. Selected candidates will be placed at the federal GS-5, GS-7, or GS-9 pay grades depending upon education and experience. Nationwide pay charts are available at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/08tables/index.asp>.

Additional information about NRCS and its programs can be found at <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov>.

Questions about these positions can be directed to Gloria Larson, Human Resources Officer (651) 602-7902, [gloria.larson@mn.usda.gov](mailto:gloria.larson@mn.usda.gov) or Germil Lewis, Human Resources Assistant (651) 602-7898, [germil.lewis@mn.usda.gov](mailto:germil.lewis@mn.usda.gov).

Application materials accompany this announcement. There is no closing date for this announcement. Candidates may be selected from the existing pool of candidates at any time.

Complete application packages are to be submitted to:

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